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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hiroshi Tanaka

Serial No.: 09/785,413

Group Art Unit: 2612

Filed: February 20, 2001

Examiner: Misleh, Justin P.

For: IMAGE PICK-UP INFORMATION TRANSMITTING SYSTEM AND
REMOTE CONTROL METHOD FOR AN INFORMATION TRANSMITTING
SYSTEM

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the personal interview conducted on August 16, 2006.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant's representative would like to thank Examiner Justin P. Misleh, Art Unit 2612, for courtesies extended in the personal interview conducted on August 16, 2006.

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTOL-413) was provided by the Examiner at the interview. Applicant submits this Statement to comply with the requirements of M.P.E.P. § 713.04.

In the interview, the following was discussed:

A. Identification of claims discussed:

Primarily, independent claims 1 and 87.

B. Identification of prior art discussed:

Not applicable.

C. Identification of principal proposed amendments:

Amendments as set forth in the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed on June 14, 2006, which made merely for clarifying the features of the claimed invention.

D. Brief Identification of principal arguments:

In the personal interview, the Examiner kindly clarified his position that the function files being identified as *.jpg files (e.g., as illustrated in Figure 10) appeared to render the invention non-enabled under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

The teachings of the present invention were discussed. Particularly, the Examiner and Applicant's representative performed a detailed review of the teachings of the specification and the Figures.

Applicant's representative argued that all of the claims (i.e., claims 1-51 and 89-98) clearly comply with the enablement requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for at least the reasons set forth in the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed on June 14, 2006.

Moreover, Applicant's representative argued that all of the claims (i.e., claims 1-51 and 89-98) clearly comply with the enablement requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, based on the detailed description of the invention in the present specification and Figures, as well as the original claims.

For example, with respect to independent claim 51, Applicant's representative noted that claim 51 recites "*an image pick-up device which picks up an image allocated to the function file name when the image information receiver requests to transmit a file corresponding to the function file name*" (emphasis added).

Applicant's representative also noted that claim 52 recites that "*the information processing device records an image obtained by executing the function allocated to the function file name on a recording medium*" (emphasis added).

Applicant's representative further noted that claim 53 recites that "*the names of paths to which the function file names belong or folders are registered in the information of the directories*" (emphasis added).

Applicant's representative also noted that the original disclosure (e.g., see specification at **pages 23-29; see also Table 1; see also Figure 10**) clearly explains the directory structure, the function file names, and the corresponding function that is allocated to each function file name and which is executed based on the respective function file name.

Applicant's representative pointed out that the function file name corresponds to a function that is allocated to that file name. That is, the function file (i.e., .jpg file) does not perform the function. Instead, the system performs the function that corresponds to the file name, as exemplarily illustrated in Table 1 (e.g., see specification at pages 29-30).

Applicant's representative also noted that independent claim 87 clearly recites a method wherein:

the electronic device transmits the information of the directories in which the file names of functions indicating at least the function of the electronic device to the information receiver;

the image information receiver selects a desired function file name on the basis of the transmitted information of the directories to request the electronic device to perform an operation corresponding to the function file name;

the electronic device executes a function allocated to the function file name in accordance with the request and transmits a response in accordance with the execution of the function to the image information receiver; and

the image information receiver receives the response
(emphasis added).

Applicant's representative noted that the features of independent claim 87 itself clearly explain the present invention, particularly in view of the supporting description of the specification (e.g., at **pages 23-29; see also Table 1; see also Figure 10**).

Accordingly, Applicant's representative argued that all of the claims (i.e., claims 1-51 and 89-98) clearly comply with the enablement requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

E. Results of the Interview:

No specific agreements were reached.

The Examiner stated that further search and consideration would be necessary.

Applicant's representative requested that the Examiner perform a prior art search and raise any relevant rejections in the next Office Action, to advance the prosecution of the application.

F. Conclusion:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.


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It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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